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PUC campus dorm leasing opens

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Staff Writer

The leasing office for the University Village at PUC opened with an official ribbon cutting ceremony last week with both university and non-university officials participating in the event.

Andi Simonpetri, the new director of student housing, said there were already three students who have applied to live in the new housing.

Simonpetri said there will be no curfew in the housing and most rules are the same as the general university rules.

For example, no pets or alcohol will be allowed in the rooms. Simonpetri said a list of official rules is under construction.

Also, there will be a resident adviser system in effect, Simonpetri said.

Students who are chosen as RA's will live in the University Village for free and will also receive $100 a month for living costs.

She said RA's will be chosen by an application and interview process.

Candidates will also have to prove that they can work well with the other RA candidates.

Chancellor Howard Cohen said he hopes to see PUC move away from being a commuter college and into becoming a regional campus.

Cohen said he would also like to see residential life created for all students, not just those who live in the dormitories.

In addition, Cohen said "It's important to keep rent affordable" in the student housing.

Hammond Mayor Tom McDermott said a successful university can make a successful city, so the additions to PUC are also an asset to the city of Hammond.

Students will need things like laundromats and coffee shops in the area, McDermott said.

McDermott said he would like to see the improvements to Woodmar Mall made for students.

Leo Bryant, vice chancellor for student services, said the building of student housing was the beginning of a collaboration between Purdue Calumet and American Campus Communities.

ACC is in charge of the student housing development at PUC.

Bryant said students who live on campus have higher retention rates than those who do not.

He also said students will no longer have to leave the area to have an on-campus college experience, which benefits both the student and the community.

Wes Lukoshus, assistant vice chancellor for advancement and university relations said he can't tell for sure if housing is going to fill up in its first semester.

However, judging by the recent success at Indiana University Purdue University Fort Wayne, which recently opened new student housing, he said the University Village has

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Photo by David Tomko

Steve Murray, salesman for Southwest Contract, shows furniture to Dina Mustafa, pre-pharmacy major, in Alumni Hall during the Furniture Selection Event.

Students' opinions supply ideas for dorm furniture

Durability and construction top priorities

BY DAVID TOMKO
Chief Copy Editor

Students previewed and commented on furniture for the new student housing during a university sponsored furniture event that took place last week.

The Furniture Selection Event featured two furniture vendors, Southwest Contract and Foliet. They set up their furniture on full scale models of the dorm rooms. The furniture included couches, chairs, bar tables, end tables, coffee tables, beds, desks and dressers.

Students were then able to fill out sheets with feedback on their opinions of the displays. The sheet asked students to review the selections on the following criteria: versatility, comfort, appearance, durability, and overall appeal. They were then asked to choose one of the vendors as their choice of furniture.

Also included on the form was a space to provide any additional comments students might have about the furniture as well as a space for student names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses, if they would like information about the University Village at PUC.

Students filling out the forms were also able to receive free gifts of efollet sponsored pens and notepads.

Dina Mustafa, pre-pharmacy major, was checking out the furniture because she plans on applying to live in the dorms.

"It (the furniture) is hotel esc with a dorm room flare," Mustafa said. "I plan on applying to stay in the dorms because I'm tired of being a commuter, and tired of the traffic."

Phil Brown, director of procurement and general services, was there to meet students at the door, collect the forms and talk to the students.

"The reason for going through this is to see what is on the students mind," Brown said. "By doing this we are getting input that helps us see things we didn't think about."

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Muslim Student Association educates students about Ramadhan

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The Muslim Student Association will inform students about Ramadhan through an awareness week in the SFLC concourse Nov. 1-6.

MSA President Parama Danoesoebroto said the aim of the event is to "promote Ramadhan while demystifying the Muslim religion," as well as promoting diversity on the PUC campus.

Danoesoebroto said the MSA plans to have a table in the SFLC concourse all week to hand out flyers and teach their fellow students more about Islam and the holy month of Ramadhan. He said there will also be a movie shown and a featured speaker.

Apsari Archlia, MSA vice president, said the table will be in SFLC Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The movie will be "Muhammad: Legacy of the Prophet" and will be shown Nov. 3 at 2 p.m. in the SFLC-TV Room. She said the speaker will be Imam Mongy El-Quesny. The title of the speech will be "Islam and Universal Peace" and will take place Nov. 4 at 2:30 p.m. in SFLC-321.

Emili Wallace, a freshman majoring in radio and television, thinks having a Ramadhan awareness week will be a good learning experience.

"I don't know much about Ramadhan, so I would be interested in learning more. Events like this show how culturally diverse this campus is and I hope to be able to learn more about different cultures through events like this."

Megan Blair, a sophomore majoring in English writing, also thinks the Ramadhan Awareness week is good for students. "I think this will be a good opportunity for students to learn about something they may not be familiar with," Blair said.

Archlia said Ramadhan is also known as the Holy Month of Islam. She said during the ninth month of the Islamic calendar Muslims observe Ramadhan.

"Ramadhan is when Allah received the Holy Qu'ran," Archlia said.

Archlia said during the observation of Ramadhan, Muslims abstain from all sins from dawn until dusk. They also fast during daylight

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ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Take advantage of early registration!

Now is the time to get the classes that you want, when you want! Early registration for next semester continues through Dec. 29.

The Enrollment Services Center is open for registration, Mondays through Fridays.

Also, you may complete registration on-line by going to www.calumet.purdue.edu and selecting the "Self Service Web" link. At the website, you may pay tuition and fees, view financial aid information, enter the course management system (BlackBoard or Vista), search course availability for current or upcoming semesters, view course descriptions, utilize the Transfer Credit Equivalency System, and access your e-mail and the faculty and staff directory.

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Wednesday, Nov. 17 is the deadline date for the five month payment plan—December through April (with no money *down). The only cost is a $25 enrollment fee per semester.* Monthly payments are withdrawn on the 5th of each month. The FACTS agreement form should be submitted via PCSTAR (Purdue Calumet Student Access to Records) at www.calumet.purdue.edu. Questions?...Call the Office of Student Accounts at 989-2560.

Consider living on campus

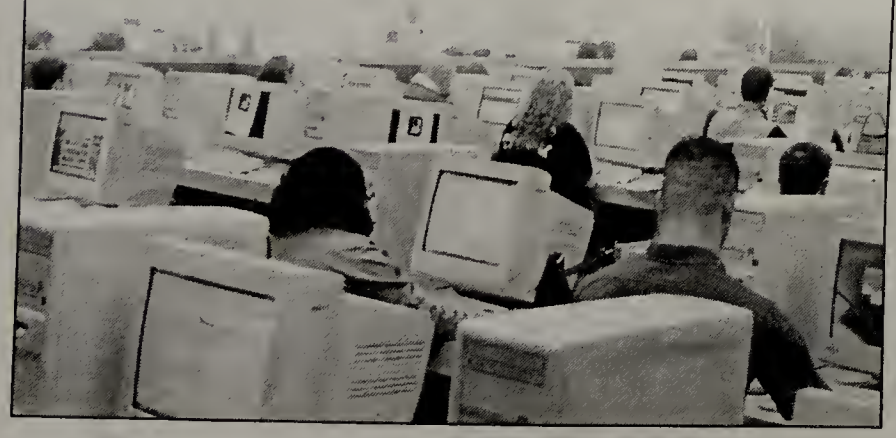
Applications for student housing—apartment-style living right here on campus—are being accepted in The University Village at Purdue Calumet leasing office, located in Room 150F of the Student Faculty Library Center. Accommodations are available on a first-come first-served basis.

The leasing office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The office phone number is 989-4150. The fax number is 989-4152. The web site is:

www.PUCstudenthousing.com.

Monthly rent is $399 and includes the following utilities: water, sewer, trash and gas; internet service; and satellite television service.

The University Village has four-bedroom, two-bath units (a private bedroom and shared bathroom) with numerous amenities including: individual leases, leased by bed space; furnished living room; furnished bedroom; fully equipped kitchen; and ADA accessible units.



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What's Goin' On?

A look around campus

Chancellor seeks students who enjoy reading

The Center for Career and Leadership Development is looking for students who are interested in participating in the Chancellor's Reading Circle Nov. 11 from 7 to 9 p.m. "The Life of Pi" by Yann Martel will be discussed. Interested students should contact Student Life and Activities at (219) 989-2369 or in SFLC-324H to register. Books are provided.

Orientation informs students about Spain 2005 trip

Applications for the PUC trip to Caceres, Spain are due Nov. 5. The first orientation meeting is Nov. 4 at 4:30 p.m. in CLO-110. Details of the trip will be discussed and questions will be answered. The Spain program will be from June 3, 2005 to July 4, 2005.

Free HIV/AIDS testing and presentation on campus

Aliveness Project will be on campus Nov. 15 to give a free presentation on HIV/AIDS at The Center at 9 a.m. They will also be offering free testing in SFLC-301 Nov. 15 and 16 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. No appointment is necessary.

Counseling Center helps students 'feel better fast'

The PUC Counseling Center is offering free three-session structured workshops designed to help students identify changes they want to make in their personal lives, examine the obstacles that are preventing change, improve one's mood and learn techniques *aimed at gaining a sense of control over* one's life. These workshops will be held Nov. 2, 9 and 16 from 5 to 6 p.m. in Gyte-5. To sign up or for more information, call (219) 989-2366 or visit Gyte-5.

Sports department looks for musicians to start pep band

The PUC sports department is looking for musicians interested in forming a pep band. Anyone interested should contact Emil Lulich in PER K-170 or call (219) 989-2095.

'Catsplay' performed without charge for students

Catsplay" will be performed Nov. 13 at 4 p.m. in Alumni Hall, SFLC-3rd floor with cultural activities beginning at 2 p.m. Admission is free. The play is sponsored by Building Community Through the Arts Committee. Call (219) 989-3218 for more information.

The Chronicle opens hours for journalism lab

The Chronicle is offering a journalism lab for anyone interested in learning how to write in the style used by most news publications. The hours are Wednesdays 11 a.m. to noon and 4 to 5 p.m. and Thursdays 2 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 6 p.m. For more information call (219) 989-2547 or stop by SFLC-344-H during open hours.

National honor society invites students to a meeting

The National Honor Society in Psychology will be having its monthly meeting Nov. 6 at 11 a.m. in Porter-202. The society invites all current and prospective members to attend. Any sophomore, junior or senior majoring or minoring in psychology who has a 3.2 G.P.A. or better is eligible to join. For more information, contact Rachel Miller, Psi Chi president at millerr2@calumet.purdue.edu.

PUC graduate school schedules open houses

The graduate school will be hosting open houses Nov. 13 and Nov. 15 to inform current students, graduates and interested others of what graduate education offers. The open houses are scheduled as follows: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 13 at The Center and 3 to 7 p.m. Nov. 15 in Room with a View SFLC-150. Representatives of Offices from the Graduate School and Registrar, the Center for Career Leadership Development and other various academic departments will be on hand to answer questions. For more information call the graduate school at (219) 989-2257.

Submitting Briefs

Anyone interested in publicizing events, clubs, organizations or departments in "What's Goin' On?" must submit briefs the Monday before publication. The Chronicle is published on Mondays. The Chronicle does not guarantee placement of briefs submitted.

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Fellowship intermingles students

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The InterVarsity Christian Fellowship joins Christians together to learn and socialize in a non-denominational environment.

Matt Gorman, a senior majoring in construction management and engineering technology, said the IVCF is a non-denominational Jesus Christ group that is on campuses all over the world. He said it has been around for over 100 years.

Gorman, who is also president of ICVF, said "Students find it a comfortable place to go hang out with other Christians and find out more about Christianity."

He said every week the group meets and either has a speaker or a band that plays Christian music. Gorman said it give students the opportunity to discuss their views on Christ.

Last week the IVCF had a bonfire outside SFLC where members were able to intereact with one another.

"Every few weeks we have a social event like this bonfire," Gorman said.

Rafael Swift, a junior majoring in history, said the IVCF lets him be around brothers and sisters in Christianity with different races and denominations through Jesus Christ.

"It has contributed to my spiritual growth and has helped to bridge a lot of gaps," he said.

Swift said the most significant thing for him about the IVCF is the diversity in the group.

"Even though brothers and sisters go to different churches, we're all one in the Body of Christ," Swift said.

The IVCF also has an adviser, Luke Dalach, that is on staff with the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship. He works for them full time at PUC and at South Suburban College. He said the IVCF has been on the PUC campus since 1989.

"As a student, I was a leader. After I graduated I wanted to do it full time," Dalach said.

Maggie Friedericks, freshman majoring in secondary math education, said she attends the meetings to find out more about Christ.

"It helped me to grow more in my church and in my spiritual walk," Friedericks said.

Emilie Taylor, a junior majoring in electrical engineering and follow-up coordinator for the IVCF, said her job is to talk to the new people at the meetings and make them feel welcome. She said she tries to make sure everyone is accounted for and that there isn't anyone off by themselves.

Photo by Vicki Palus

The InterVarsity Christian Fellowship meets every week and either has a speaker of a band that plays Christian music.

"It has helped me meet a lot of people on campus I wouldn't have normally met," Taylor said.

Taylor said the group helps to keep her in line between Sundays at church.

"You go to church and get filled up on Sundays, but then you can go astray during the week," Taylor said.

Taylor said the group has grown from 30 people in 2003 to 40 to 45 people on average this semester.

Gorman said Nov. 18 the IVCF will be sponsoring meringue lessons taught by a professional dance instructor. Also, the IVCF meets on Thursday nights at 8 p.m. in the lounge next to the TV room in SFLC.

ECET resident goose dresses up accordingly

DAVID TOMKO
Chief Copy Editor

Goose, Elvis and the electrical and computer engineering technology department may seem strange in the same sentence, but they all have something to do with each other.

On the third floor of the Potter building, the ECET department has a display of a stone lawn goose dressed up as Elvis in one of their display cases, complete with sideburns and mini guitar. He's even standing on a stage with lights and backup band.

The goose is dressed up every year by Janice Novosel, secretary in the ECET department. She started doing this three years ago when she mentioned that she had a stone goose in storage and members of the ECET department decided to bring it to school.

"They just went to my house, asked my husband, and he let them have it." Novosel said.

Photo by Dave Tomko

The electrical engineering technology department dresses up a stone goose every year in a theme to go along with different careers offered in that particular field.

Novosel said every year a different theme is picked and the goose is dressed accordingly.

"Now he's dressed up as Elvis," she said. "But one year he was in a bathing suit for a spring break theme, and another year he was in a *lab technicians coat and the display* looked like a lab."

Ed Perosky, department adviser, said even the students get involved in the decorating.

"One time when the goose was dressed up in a bathing suit, some students taped a sign to the outside of the glass that said 'Goose Gone Wild,'" Persosky said.

Perosky said he didn't mind, it was funny and relieved some stress.

"Education is serious," Perosky said. "Students exhibit a lot of stress, I try not to create more stress. The goose display is a lighter thing."

Novosel said in addition to the goose being a humorous distraction from the stressful classes it also has an underlying purpose.

The theme picked for the goose every year helps to promote different job opportunities to students that are graduating with an ECET degree. Included in the display is a PowerPoint presentation and posters that promote the different types of jobs.

Right now there is information about how electric guitars work and some information on how concerts are broadcast with satellites. Novosel said the displays try to show students that this is another aspect of what they can do.

Ben Marrero, a part of the faculty, likes the idea of the goose display.

"I love it," Marrero said. "Especially the Elvis look. It gives us an image to the technology side. I would have really liked to have seen her (Novosel) get a group of them (geese) together on stage."

When asked about the goose's diet, Perosky said, "We feed it gravel and stone to help it maintain its grainy complexion."

15 semi-finalists named in 'Opportunity for Indiana'

PUC and Purdue University North Central have named 15 semi-finalists in the "Opportunity for Indiana" business plan competition.

The competition is part of Purdue University's "Opportunity for Indiana" three-phase economic development program. The program, funded through a grant from Lilly Endowment Inc., will award cash prizes of $25,000, $15,000 and $10,000 to the first, second and third place winners.

The competition-open to entrepreneurs, students and small business owners interested in starting or growing a business appropriate to creating jobs for Indiana high school and college graduates-attracted 90 entries when it began in August.

The semi-finalists are: A E Robotics; Access Recovery Solutions; Blue Skies Hospice; DATLab Drug Testing Services; Figment Group, Inc.; Hogan Consulting Group, Inc.; Logic Advance; The Magnetic Scholar; NWI Connect; Perception Web Design; SafRisc; Taste...Artisan Food, Wine & Beer; Twinklebug, Inc.; Voice to Print Technologies; and Wodrich Health Network.

According to Purdue Calumet Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Nabil Ibrahim, the "Opportunity for Indiana" program has sparked the entrepreneurial spirit in Northwest Indiana.

"The stunning success of the program has demonstrated excellent potential for an economic transformation that creates competitive jobs and combats the brain drain in Northwest Indiana," he said.

Some 38 participants submitted three-page executive summaries of their business plans in hopes of moving on to the next level of competition. The semi-finalists selected from those entries have until Nov. 1 to submit their full business plans for evaluation.

Five finalists will be selected. They will make formal presentations of their business plans to a panel of seven judges, Dec. I at The Center at Purdue Calumet. The winners will be announced that afternoon.

Additional information may be obtained by phoning Donna George, event coordinator in Purdue Calumet's Center for Career and Leadership Development, at (219) 989-2600.

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Overall, furniture preview benefits students, university

Last week the university gave students the opportunity to vote on the furniture that will be included in the new dorms. Students were allowed to walk through models of two vendors' setups of their company's furniture.

This event was advertised as a "Furniture Selection Event," but the students did not really get to vote on all the aspects of the furniture.

Both rooms were set up with basically the same types of furniture, couches, chairs, tables, entertainment centers, beds and desks.

There really wasn't that much of choice for the students to choose from. It seemed that most of the furniture was already picked out.

The sheets that the students filled out with their opinions weren't really ballots at all.

The students were asked to judge the furniture for characteristics like appearance, comfort, versatility and durability. Then they were asked to choose between the two vendors, and which they liked better. After that there were some lines for additional comments, this was probably the most important and useful part of the form.

Unfortunately with all the furniture pretty much *picked out, how much attention would the students comments* in this section really get?

On the other hand, the university should get credit for this idea because it did provide the students and the school several positives.

The students who were interested in living in the dorms got to see models of what they get to look forward to when they move in.

At $399 a month to live at the dorms, this gives students who need to make decisions about living in the dorms months out, a chance to see a hands on model of where they will be living, instead of waiting until the dorms are completed and taking an on-site tour.

This also generates some buzz about the dorms and can even persuade some students to think about living in them. There's nothing better than seeing a product in person to generate interest than just a picture or description.

However, making the students give opinions on the furniture is a good move even if it is a somewhat obvious promotion of the dorms. If the vendors have already been selected, it's less about choosing the furniture, and more about which vendor they choose.

The students are the best qualified to decide what furniture should be used in the dorms. Yes, there are designers, faculty and people qualified to do research in the subject but they're not going to be using the furniture that is ultimately used. They might not think about certain things that a student who will actually be using the furniture might think of.

Although the furniture selection event didn't quite seem like all the decisions were totally in the hands of the students, it hopefully provided some interesting feedback to those who make the selection decisions.

Tip your wait staff

NATALIE WAHLBERG
Entertainment Editor

Having recently acquired a job in the food service industry, I was shocked at how many people do not know how to leave a good tip. Servers depend on customers' generosity due to the miniscule amount of their hourly wage. We make $2.13 an hour. Ten percent of our tips have to be declared for taxes. At my restaurant, we also tip out three percent for busers, bartenders and hostesses. Leaving fewer than 15 percent for a good server is completely inadequate. The most common 'less than' amount received by servers is around 10 percent.

If a server is attentive and good natured, keep in mind the fact that the paper paycheck for a shift, six to eight hours, is $12-$16 before taxes. I know that if I'm unsatisfied with my wage, I should look for a different line of work but that's not the case. I enjoy what I do. I like having a new batch of people to talk to every half an hour. I like taking care of my 'guests.' I do not like getting stiffed, nor getting such a small amount that getting nothing wouldn't be that much of a difference.

Ten percent of a $40 bill is $4. During the meal, customers require multiple beverage refills, the hot food quickly, checks on how the food is, condiments, to-go boxes and a source of amusement.

Servers generally have more than one table, so all that work is multiplied by three or four different destinations. In addition to creating a pleasant dining experience, servers are depended upon to do various chores behind the scenes. If customers have no experience in the food service industry, they might not realize how much is needed in order for the kitchen to run as smoothly as possible.

The soup and salad dressing stations are to be monitored and it sounds easy but let me assure you, it's no fun lifting scalding potato soup trays out of a boiling heater. And as for salad dressings, filling up individual containers from a big box of ranch is messy and slimy. This is done so the customer can receive their salad or soup without delay and boasting the freshest ingredients possible. Servers are responsible for dressing salads, creating bread baskets, assembling soups and rolling silverware. I know it doesn't sound that difficult but it's a lot to remember. Especially when there are tables full of customers needing different attentions at the same time. For all that work, six or eight bucks on a standard dinner is not that much to ask.

Servers are in their field because they enjoy what they do. Customers who understand what the wait staff has to go through to create a pleasurable dining experience and reward accordingly not only helps pay the bills but makes work a pleasant encounter for all parties.

Letter to the Editor

In the heat of this election season, I must acknowledge that the greatest accomplishment of the Republican Party has been to keep the illegitimacy of the president out of public discourse. How soon we have forgotten that George W. Bush did not win the popular vote in 2000? And yet four years later, not only is he able to run for a second term, but he is actually receiving substantial support. I find it most disturbing that many Americans fail to realize Bush and democracy do not go together.

The very democratic values this country was founded on were severely tarnished four years ago, and continuously have suffered under the Bush Administration. Instead of taking necessary precautions to ensure that democracy will prevail in this election, legal teams have been deployed at the eleventh hour anticipating another case of contested results. This is just absurd. With all do respect to the Supreme Court and our legal system, they have no place in determining elections. I want a president who receives the majority vote and is elected into office, not one who is decided on by the courts.

Perhaps the 2000 debacle was only a sign of what would become of the Bush presidency. The man shows no regard for democratic values. He works in the opposite direction, to limit our freedoms. He has said that Kerry is weak and makes decisions for political purposes, and that he (Bush) will not bow to political games and public opinion. I would argue that it is not a matter of public opinion, but democracy. Bush blatantly counters democracy.

Bush has also said Kerry wants to bring back big government. I would argue that the current administration has increasingly relied on big government over the last four years, but in a different sense. Kerry's big government involves public actions and programs necessary to improve living conditions, preserve freedoms and advance the nation's interests and values. Bush's big government has consisted of covert operations to incite fear into submission, intrude on the private lives of citizens, and subtly take away the rights and freedoms we all hold dear. Which is worse?

Kerry is attacked for having inconsistent positions on the Iraq War. Bush has not been consistent either. He still has not settled on a reason for going to war. We have heard it all from the Axis of Evil, to the War on Terror, to WMD, to regime change, and now, "We're bringing democracy to the Iraqis." How noble, but, "democracy" according to whom? Bush cannot even champion democracy in his own country. On the other hand, Kerry having second thoughts about his authorization of the war is reasonable. It only gets a bad rap when it is augmented in play by play fashion by media and Republican spin. I too have gone back and forth with my views about the war, and I certainly do not feel the same about it today as I did when it began. I think that Kerry honorably and publicly wrestled with his conscious over this issue, and his second thoughts are more in tune with the American people. This makes him no less capable of cleaning up the mess Bush made when he came and he conquered.

I can sympathize with those that hope Bush has learned from his mistakes and will serve better over four more years. However, I remain very uneasy about this notion and the prospect of a second term. He refuses to admit to any mistakes. At least Kerry has been willing to own up to his.

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the potential to be quite successful.

Lukoshus also said the traffic on the student housing website has been heavy, indicating interested students.

One interested student is Sean Snider, a junior majoring in history.

"It would be a big advantage to get to class and be on campus. It's also right next to the gym," Snider said.

Another student said it would be a way to aid the community.

"It would be a good experience to help out the campus community," Dominique White, a junior majoring in political science, said.

Jenny Purbaugh, a junior majoring in finance, said living on campus will enhance her college experience.

"You can live really close to home and still get the college experience," Purbaugh said.

Furniture

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By 4 p.m. on the first day, Brown estimated about 75 students dropped by.

Brown said that after the event on Thursday they will be meeting with each individual vendor representative. With that input and the input from the forms filled out by the students they hope to decide which vendor and style of furniture they will install in the dorms.

Both Vendors modeling their furniture at the Furniture Selection Event had sales representatives there to talk about their company and their products.

Steve Murray, salesman for Southwest Contract, a Texas based company, talked about how his company kept their products construction simple for better durability.

"Our company sticks with simple things, when you start getting away from simple you start running into problems," Murray said.

Murray said the most important feature is that all their items are put together with cam locks. This allows them to easily and quickly replace individual parts of their furniture instead of having to replace the entire piece of furniture.

"We had one student that was spray painting on the desk and what they put under it wasn't very effective." Murray said. "We were able to replace just the top surface piece with just a screwdriver in a few minutes."

Murray also said their items were built with versatility in mind. Dressers and bookshelves were selected at heights that can be placed under a bed that can be adjusted to different heights. The bookshelf can also be placed on top of a desk which features both a pullout and an expandable desktop for more overall desktop space.

Eric Proulx, salesman for Foliet, an international Canadian based company, also stressed the importance of construction on the durability of the pieces.

"All our parts are replaceable and feature metal to metal connections, instead of just screws that go straight into the wood," Proulx said. "Moving a desk front to back is always going to be solid, but moving it side to side is where it may start to wobble."

To combat this Murray said Southwest Contract's desks feature 14-inch, 90 degree metal brackets all the way down the most stressful parts of their desk.

Southwest Contract's desk also featured a pullout keyboard/pencil drawer that slides on ball-bearing instead of wheel because that is the draw that will get the most use. He said all their drawers were specially constructed to increase durability. They were put together by using a dovetail joint, glued and then stapled. He then tested the durability by putting the drawer on the floor upside down and stood on it. He demonstrated it didn't even bend.

Production Manager Linda Merrick contributed to this story.

Ramadhan

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hours and pray at night time. She said during the entire month of Ramadhan it is a goal to be kinder and more charitable toward others. All of these activities are done to get closer to Allah and to gain a stronger religious consciousness. Archlia also said fasting forces people to think of the less fortunate and be more thankful for the blessings they have.

Danoesoebroto said Ramadhan is a type of "boot camp" for Muslims.

In addition to Ramadhan awareness week MSA is active in other ways on campus. Archlia said around 30 students are active in the MSA and they meet every other week.

She said at their meetings the students talk about their religion and how to create a stronger diversity on campus. Danoesoebroto said the organization has not experienced any discrimination on campus and that "Purdue Calumet students are supportive" of the MSA.

Danoesoebroto said a main goal of MSA is to gather the PUC community and make the entire campus a stronger community.

Archlia said there is also a daily prayer meeting in Gyte-217 for any interested Muslim students. The room is open from noon to 5 p.m. for general prayer with congregation taking place at 2 p.m.

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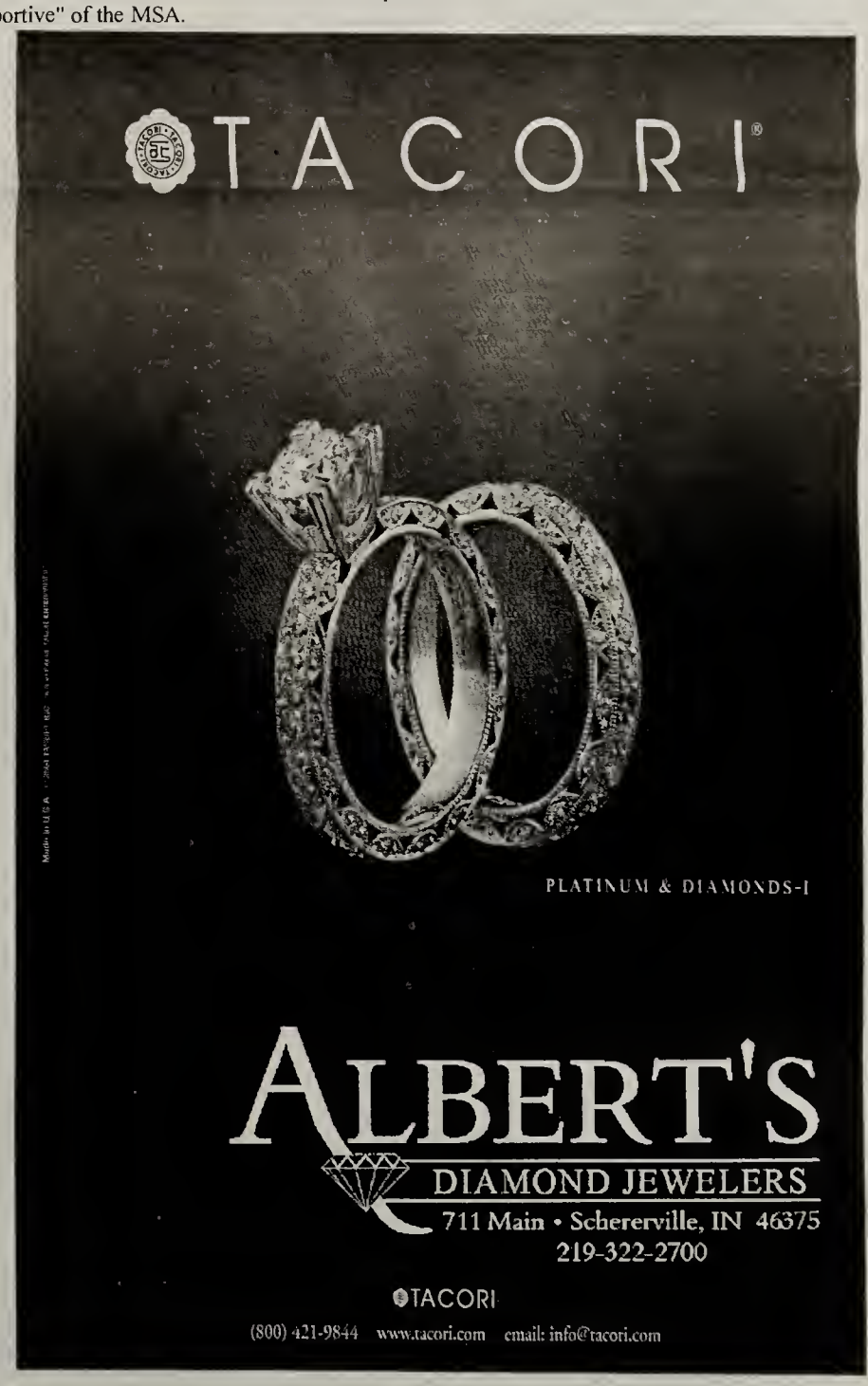
AirNet will launch the week of November 15. People interested in piloting the system will be asked to register then.

During the pilot, people will receive their "boarding pass" enabling them to access the system. CTIS will also be asking them to check in regarding the service and their experience.

If the pilot "flies" then you can expect to see additional access across campus.

Your feedback on our services is always welcome. Please send your comments to Liz Osika, Director of User Services at osika@calumet.purdue.edu.



Students use language skills during Spanish Club meetings

JEFF WAUGAMAN
Staff Writer

The recently formed Spanish Club gives students a chance to utilize their Spanish speaking skills through meetings and Spanish related events.

Jason Clanton, president of the club, said it was designed to give people who are taking, or have taken a Spanish course, a way to use the skills they have acquired and a chance to use them outside of the classroom environment.

Professor Carmen Torres-Robles, foreign language department, said the club will serve as a learning environment for many students.

"It is a great thing, all levels of students will benefit," Torres-Robles said. "It is a learning experience and is culturally oriented."

She said it is a way for students to interact with each other and to make connections. She said it is also a way of disseminating information between people and job opportunities.

Clanton said some of the things the club will offer include tutoring, cooking lessons and salsa and meringue classes taught by professional instructors. It will also host movie nights with conversations in Spanish after the films.

Clanton said the club is filled with diversity, from a black president to a native Mexican secretary. He said the club combines native Spanish speakers with beginners.

He said the club was started by some of the students from the Spain study abroad program. They wanted to continue what they learned in Spain.

"I learned more in Spain than I did in my classes," Clanton said.

He said the interest in the club and turnout for the first meeting was really good.

"When we set up a table in the CLO building, 84 people signed up and close to 40 people showed up at the first meeting," Clanton said.

Luisa Garcia-Verdugo, foreign language instructor and adviser for the club, said the meetings are open to all students. She also said the club encourages students to invite people from their communities to attend and participate.

The club will hold its next meeting Nov. 4 at 5 p.m. in CLO-139. There is a $5 membership fee.

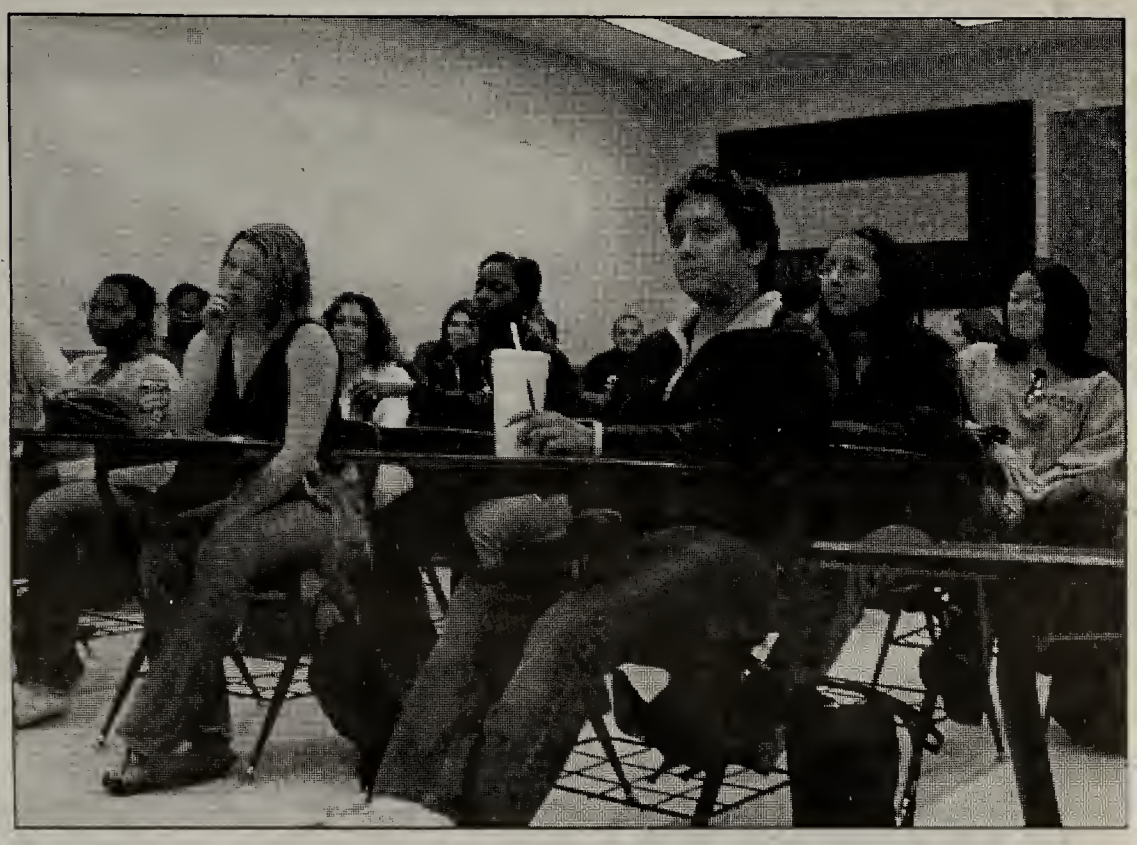
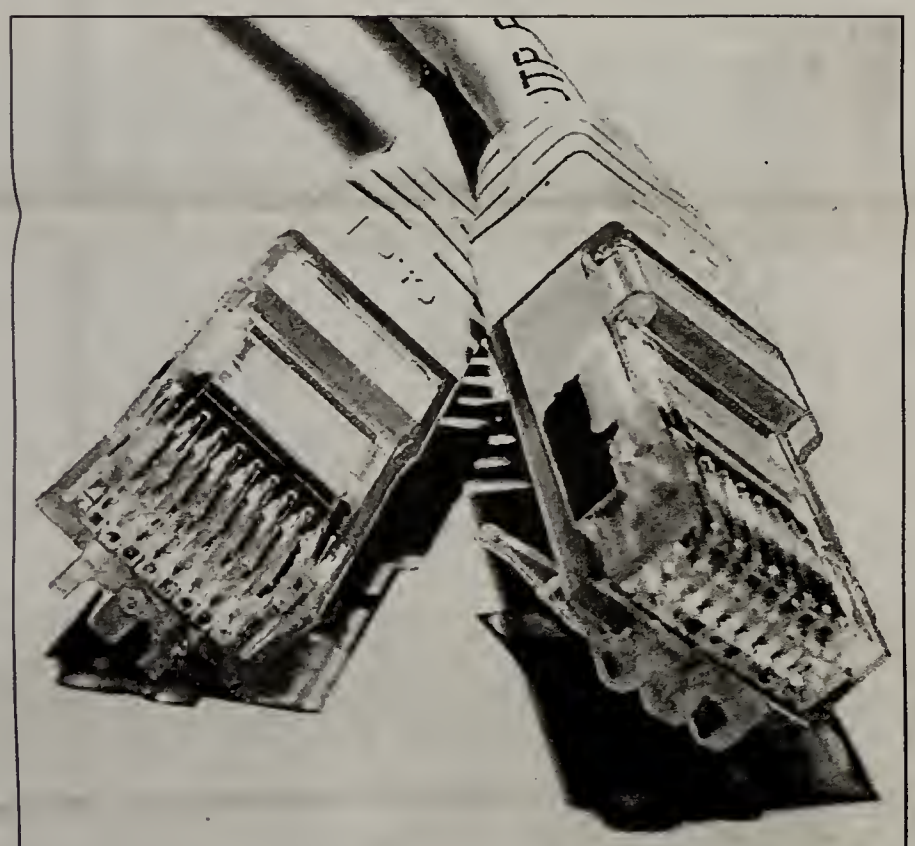


Photo by Vicki Palus

PUC's new Spanish Club gives students a chance to mingle with each other and practice their Spanish speaking skills. The club will soon offer tutoring, cooking lessons, salsa and meringue classes taught by professional instructors. It is also planning on hosting movie nights with conversations in Spanish after the films.



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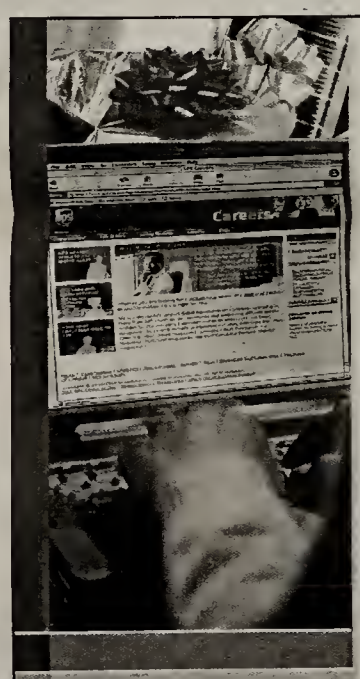

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The Muse features live, improvised music

MICHAEL FINNEY
Staff Writer

If you believe music is the work of the spirit manifesting itself through human hands, those that gather on Sunday nights at The Muse Café might agree. Each Sunday, area musicians come together, joining as a creative force for a jam session. With every note being improvised, no two jams are alike.

In 2000, Chris Lathrop and his wife Mira bought the café and ended up naming it The Muse in 2001. Their vision included a lounge with a coffeehouse atmosphere and a small performance space for music, poetry and other eclectic acts. Other than the open jam on Sunday evenings, every Thursday night is open mic night and on Fridays and Saturdays a local or regional band usually plays.

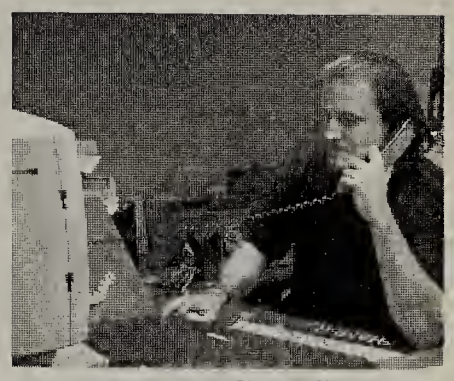
The baristas behind the counter are in control of a full service espresso bar, with too many variations and specialties to list. Additionally, the food menu features different artist/food name combos. Sandwiches, soups and salads have names such as the "Jack Kerouac Wrap" or the "Janis Joplin."

This past Sunday night there was a full crowd in attendance and a wealth of instrumental talent waiting to take the stage.

Photo by Michael Finney

Sunday nights at The Muse feature a creative, improvised jam session performed by local musicians.

The musical groups included guitar, bass and drum combinations mixed with an occasional saxophone or keyboard. Because of the improvisation, those assembled to play anxiously waited in the same air of suspense and mystery as the audience. As rhythms started to formulate and everyone began to figure out there place, soloists stepped forward to expose their phrases.



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Chris Lathop, owner of The Muse, lines up local and regional acts to perform on Friday and Saturdays.

The Muse feels like a community of like-minded individuals making an effort together. Lathrop, who may have made your drink, could be jamming onstage in the next set.

The Muse is located at 3422 Ridge Road in Lansing, Ill. The jam session starts at 7 p.m. every Sunday. Recordings are being made so keep an eye out for their availability.

A story about wild animals, family and God

EVE BOTTANDO
Contributing Writer

Tigers, Hyenas and Orangutans, Oh my! Finally, a book has come along that made me put life on hold to finish reading it. For days at a time I became a slave to this page-turning treasure by Yann Martel, "The Life of Pi."

The title of "The Life of Pi" is quite misleading. This is no mathematical adventure into the world of irrational numbers. Rather, it takes the reader on a journey with Pi Patel, a God-loving Indian boy who finds himself in a lifeboat with a hyena, an orangutan, a wounded zebra and a 450-pound Bengal tiger. Yeah, that's right, a 450-pound Bengal tiger. This is just one of the many reasons why you should stop what you're doing and read this book now!

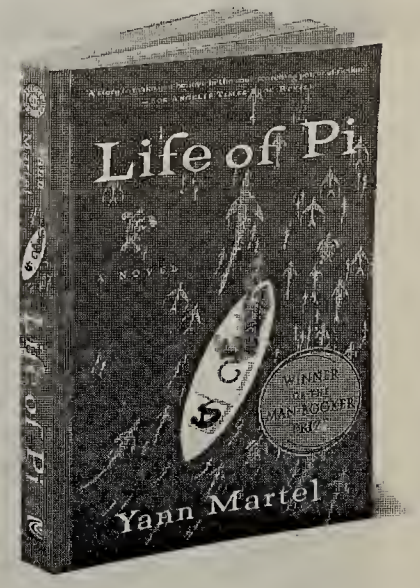
Pi's family is immigrating to Canada from India with the family zoo. The Japanese cargo ship transporting them sinks leaving Pi Patel in a precarious state, removed from his family with only fear, bravery and knowledge to keep him alive. If you can hang in there with Pi until the end, you will go through an intrepid, excruciating and exhilarating journey. But you must hang on until the very end to get the surprise ending that will flip what you think you understand of the book upside down.

This book is not without its downside. Yann Martel is a formidable word-smith, but the ending drags out and ends too abruptly. Instead of leaving the reader to muse on the symbols and metaphors on their own, he chooses to spell them out, which is quite disappointing. This is one of the few mistakes in this work of "soul-sustaining" fiction, and only shows that Martel still has room to grow as an author.

"The Life of Pi" is more than some Odyssean adventure. It is a story about zoos. It is a story about family. It is a journey through the rational and irrational. But, most important of all, it is a story that will make you believe in God.

I hope you stop reading this article right now and run, walk, crawl or hop to the nearest bookstore to get this book. Better yet, join the chancellor's reading circle and get this book for free, as well as the chance to hang out at the Kuiper House for a great evening with great people talking about a great book.

So, stop whatever you're doing. Put life on hold for a few days and spend your time lost in "The Life of Pi."



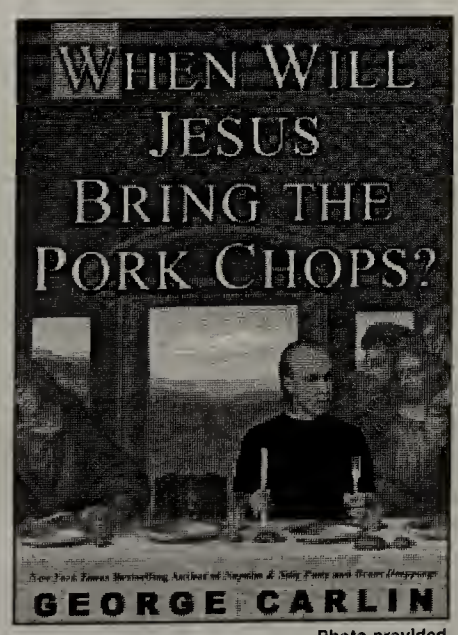
George Carlin greets fans while promoting his new book

ELIZABETH STEPHENSON
Staff Writer

George Carlin has been astounding audiences with his unique blend of straightforward comedy and social activism since 1955. In the last 50 years, he has released 18 comedy albums, written and performed in 12 HBO comedy specials, received four Grammy Awards and six Cable Ace Awards. Carlin has also appeared in 11 feature films including, "Dogma," "Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back" and "Jersey Girl," all directed by Kevin Smith.

In 2000, George Carlin was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Comedy Awards. In the midst of all this, he has somehow found time to author two best-selling books, "Brain Droppings" and "Napalm and Silly Putty."

With the release of his third book, aptly titled "When Will Jesus Bring the Pork Chops?" Carlin embarked on a nationwide book-signing tour. Friday, Oct. 22 he was scheduled to appear at the Borders on State Street in Chicago at 12:30 p.m. He arrived in a limo, fashionably late, blaming his lateness on the traffic.



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George Carlin's new book addresses the problems he has with religion and the bible.

After taking a few minutes to settle into his small, well-lit corner, Carlin grabbed the microphone and began to recite "Modern Man," the first entry in his new magnum opus. His uncanny ability to make intellectual plays on words and address serious issues simultaneously is exquisite. Once he finished his tirade, he calmly took his seat as the indulgent fans paid their tributes.

Carlin's down-to-earth persona was apparent in his willingness to allow people to take pictures with him and get his autograph. He was surprisingly refined in person. He may tend to emit a hardened attitude onstage, but at the book signing, he was rather engaging and appreciative. It seemed like he thanked every person for showing up.

Carlin looked smaller in person. He was dressed very casually in jeans, a black sweatshirt and a baseball cap. His presence was friendly, but it was difficult to avoid feeling flustered in the presence of such a great man. Throughout his career, Carlin has stood up for what he thinks is right. He has been a voice for a lot of people whose opinions usually go unheard. It was a bit intimidating, but at the same time it was powerfully motivating.

In his new book, which I read while standing in line for over two hours, Carlin addresses the problems he has with religion and the bible. In the beginning of the book, he explains why two commandments are more efficient than one. He uses logic and humor to poke fun at many religious beliefs.

Although the book concentrates on religion, there are many other topics that Carlin takes up throughout the book. There are several sections that are devoted to questioning the reasons behind various euphemisms. Carlin jokes about the differences between men and women as well as his disdain for "Guys named Junior," but also focuses on many political and social issues.

As a whole, I highly recommend this book to anyone who has a sense of humor and wants to laugh a lot. It is witty, thought-provoking and to top it all off, it costs less than $20. You gotta love George Carlin.

Politics gets its strings pulled in 'Team America'

TERRENCE ISBELL
Staff Writer

Who would've thought that the war in Iraq would already have a movie based on its controversy? Who also would've thought that the movie would be a comedy, and done entirely with a cast of puppets? Matt Stone and Trey Parker, best known for the sharp political cartoon drama known as "South Park," decided that the time for such a movie had come, and they would be the ones to create it.

Oct. 15 marked the release of "Team America: World Police," their answer to people on both sides of the "war on terror" fence. It's hilarious at times, it's completely stupid at others, and like South Park, it delivers its own version of a poignant message at the end, though whether you agree or not depends on your point of view.

Right off the bat you can tell that the creators of South Park had more than a hand in this one, as the opening scene in France features members of the French population going about their daily business, all of them wearing berets and singing "Freres Jacques" for no apparent reason. Then it shows some randy global terrorists carrying suitcases filled with weapons of mass destruction, or "WMD's" for slang, who plan on detonating them, destroying Paris in the process. Enter from out of nowhere Team America themselves, ready to police the world and take out the dangerous threat.

Casualties arise, however, when a team member is gunned down, and they must pull themselves together to find a new replacement. He comes in the form of Gary Johnston, famed Broadway actor most known for his role in "Lease: The Musical." He's recruited, and is soon using his famed acting skills to help the cause.

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Oct. 15 marked the release of "Team America: World Police," which was Trey Parker and Matt Stone's (the makers of South Park), answer to people on both sides of the "war on terror" fence.

This plot may seem pretty cliché and typical, but the fact that it's done with marionettes similar to the ones in the old "Thunderbirds" television show is what makes the whole thing so goofy. Martial arts fights are limited to two puppets wiggling around with each other until one of them falls, serious dialogue is limited by how much the mouths are able to move, and the strings are always visible, and often are used as a joke to make the audience fully aware that they're just puppets. It's extremely cheap looking at first, and by the time you're halfway through the movie, it's still just as cheesy.

The entire movie is basically one extended "South Park" episode. And as we all know, Parker and Stone have no problem with offending anyone and everyone they encounter, and they have no problem doing so in "Team America." Caricatures of Osama Bin Laden, Kim Jong Il, Michael Moore, Sean Penn and even Matt Damon are featured, and they aren't exactly politically correct in their delivery. But it isn't much of a shock if you're familiar with what they've done in the past. Some of the stuff will have viewers cringing in their seat, but the cracks on movies such as "Kill Bill," "Pearl Harbor" (one of the songs is actually entitled "Pearl Harbor Sucked") and kittens being featured as ferocious panthers make up for it in the long run.

Parker and Stone say they are both independent, neither liberal nor conservative, and they tried their best to poke fun at both sides of the coin in "Team America," even though sometimes it did seem as though they swayed a little too far towards one side than the other. It was even mentioned online that they had Bush and Kerry puppets prepared, but weren't allowed to use them, which I personally would've loved to see. This movie wasn't really made to force you to choose a side during these oh-so tumultuous times, but probably just to provide you with a few laughs while doing so.

TEAM AMERICA: World Police

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Teitur turns poetry into music

KENDRA JESSEN
Managing Editor

Teitur took the stage Friday, Oct. 22 at Schuba's in Chicago, ready to indulge the sold-out crowd in his poetic, heartfelt songs.

Teitur Lassen, (pronounced "tighter" and standing for "happy man"), hails from the Faroe Islands, a distant archipelago off the Norwegian coast and home to 46,000 islanders.

Teitur's debut album, "Poetry and Aeroplanes," which was released in June of 2003, could not possibly have a better title. Basically, the entire album is about him missing his lover and feeling lost in a strange land. With lyrics such as, "I was just thinking that I have been missing you for way too long" and "Alone in these strange streets, I think I have walked them enough," 27-year-old Teitur enables his listeners to feel like they are in his shoes, in a strange land.

These lyrics are completely understandable because of the extent he has traveled the world in the past three years working on his album. To come from a small fishing island, and be thrown into big cities such as New York, Los Angeles and Chicago must have been quite a culture shock.

However, Teitur seems satisfied with the direction his music career is headed.

Photo by Kendra Jessen

Teitur performed at Schuba's in Chicago Oct. 22 in support of his debut album, "Poetry and Aeroplanes."

He has opened for artists such as John Mayer, and has played with other up-and-coming artists such as Ben Arthur and Vienna Teng.

His stop in Chicago during this tour was much anticipated. Fans traveled from as far as Michigan and Wisconsin to see him. Everyone in the crowd waited anxiously as candles were lit on the stage to set the scene.

Teitur entered to a tremendous round of applause. He ended up playing a mixture of songs, some from his album along with some new ones.

To begin his set, he sat down with his acoustic guitar on a stool. His music is slow, and can almost be considered folk. It is the type of music the audience can sway to.

One of the first songs he played was "Waiting for Mars," which is a song basically about what it is titled, with lyrics such as, "I'm in a state of mind, I'm in my private desert, I'm in a passionate study, waiting for Mars to come out."

He played "I Run the Carousel," which he first debuted at Schuba's in July. He said he got the song idea from his friend, who took a picture of a carousel. When he got his film developed, noticed that there was a man standing on the inside of the carousel. Teitur thought this was a perfect song idea, to write about the man who runs the carousel. It is amazing because with the chord progression in the song, you actually feel like you are on a carousel.

Some of the other songs he played included, "Josephine," which he said is about a girl from his childhood who fascinated him.

He teased the crowd by saying he would play a song during the encore that he wrote about a waitress at Schuba's when he was there in July.

The song, "Catherine the Waitress," ended up being comical and a little bit faster than his others, and the audience really seemed to get into it.

He also played a cover of "Great Balls of Fire," which sounded nothing like the original, but was nonetheless awesome. He had the audience dancing to that one.

He ended his set with the slow song, "I Was Just Thinking," and before he left, bowed and said thanks.

After the show, he went to the upstairs bar at Schuba's and played the role of a deejay. He had the opportunity to expose his fans to all of his favorite music. He also allowed fans to get his autograph and take pictures with him behind his makeshift deejay booth.

All in all, it ended up being a great show, mixed with beautiful music and poetry.

For more information on Teitur, visit www.teiturmusic.com.

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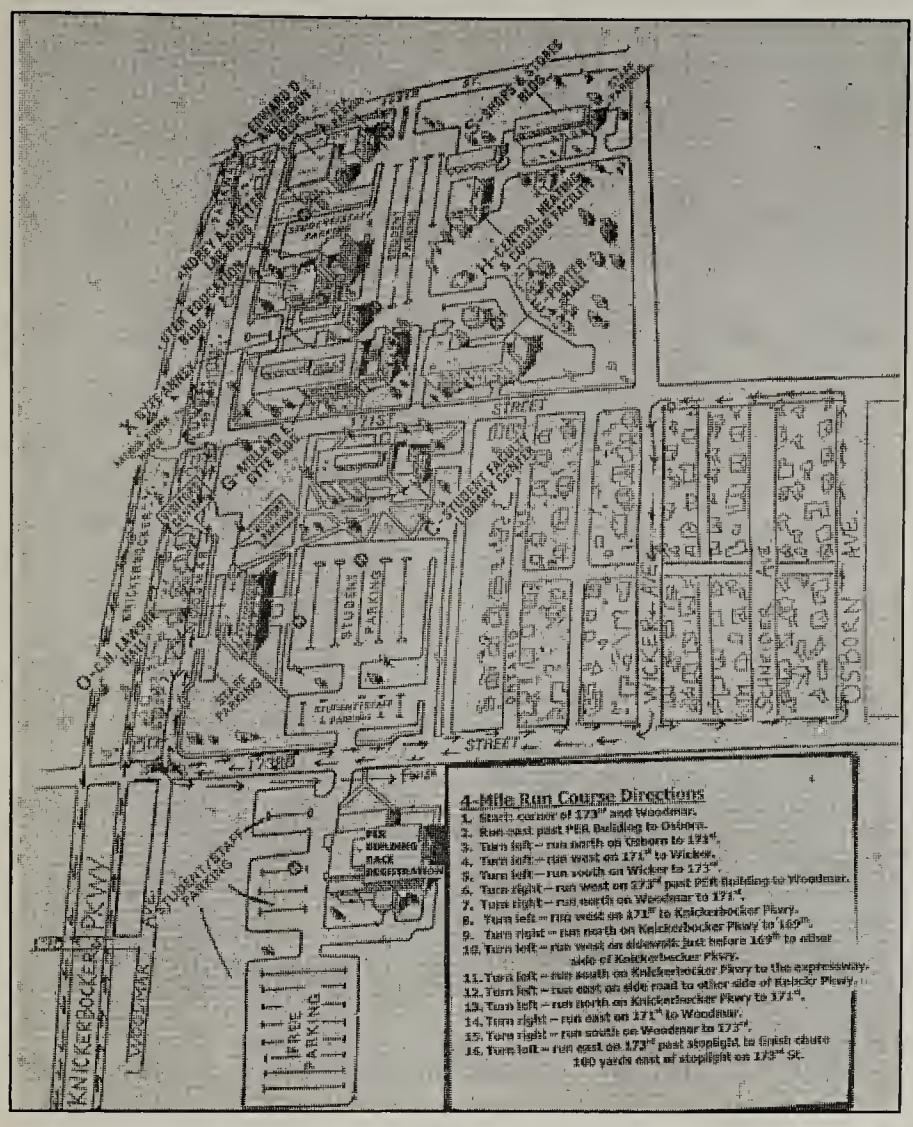
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NIKKI HUTTON
Staff Writer

The fourth annual Fall Frolic, a four mile run and a 1.5 mile fitness walk, will be held on Sunday, Nov. 14. Start time for the race is 9 a.m.

John Bobalik, an employee of the Total Fitness Center, said "This is something fun and healthy for Purdue students, staff and the community as a whole to participate in."

Bobalik said the average attendance for the Frolic over the last three years is about 300 runners and 500 walkers. He said it is growing every year.

Tabitha Stills, also an employee of TFC, said this race is good for the community since it is the only one held in this area.

Stills said that the Fall Frolic is one of many races held in the Calumet Region Striders Gold Cup schedule during the course of the year. This year, the Fall Frolic is the 24th and the last race in the Calumet Region Striders Gold Cup series.

There are plenty of prizes and incentives given for participating in the race.

The first 300 pre-registered participants will receive a pair of special Fall Frolic gloves with the emblem printed on them and long sleeve t-shirts will be given to all runners and walkers.

Human Race Sports will give overall male and female winners of the four mile run a thermal running jacket. In addition, overall masters (40 years or older) division winners will also receive a thermal running jacket.

Also, the top three male and female age division winners, the top three Clydesdale and Athena division winners and the top three PUC students, faculty and staff members will receive stocking caps.

After the long run or walk, participants can enjoy pizza, a sports drinks, a bagel, fruit and popsicles.

Signups for the Fall Frolic are currently being taken at the Total Fitness Center in the PER Building. Entry fees are $15 before Tuesday, Nov. 9, $20 after Nov. 9 and $10 for all walkers.

For questions about the Fall Frolic four mile run and 1.5 mile fitness walk or a registration form, contact Bobalik, Stills or Tina Schmidt McNulty in the total fitness center at (219) 989-2175.

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Basketball teams open season

Lady Peregrines hunt for four victories in first week

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This season hopes to bring more than just a new athletic identity.

The new season brings hopes of a winning season, conference title and national recognition as the Lady Peregrines open their season tonight against Columbia College, Mo. Tip-off for the game is at 7 p.m. in the PER Building.

The Lady Peregrines open up the 2004-2005 season with competition that should give the coaching staff a barometer of how the team will perform this season. Columbia College finished last season rated 17th in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics women's basketball Division I poll and is rated 13th in the preseason NAIA polls.

Also this week, the Lady Peregrines will face Cardinal Stritch in Milwaukee, Wis. Wednesday night. Cardinal Stritch finished last season rated 4th in the NAIA women's basketball Division II poll and open up the preseason rated 17th.

Head Coach Dennis Smith said that Cardinal Stritch is comparable to Columbia College by being a consistent program in NAIA Division II women's basketball. Coach Smith expects a competitive game against Cardinal Stritch.

The Lady Peregrines wrap up the week returning home for the Lady Peregrine Classic basketball tournament. They play Davenport University Friday night with an 8 p.m. scheduled tip-off, and Calumet College of St. Joseph the next day at 2 p.m.

"Three teams that we play next week had 20 plus wins last year. It's a tough schedule early for that reason, to prepare for the conference," Coach Smith said.

He has been building stronger teams and a stronger schedule since his first season in 2000-2001.

Smith said that the Lady Peregrines planned to play DePaul University this season. However, they could not play because the Blue Demons committed to a Big East Conference rule which allows only a certain number of games not against NCAA Division I teams.

Coach Smith is expecting his team to last more than two halves if need be.

"We're about as ready as we can be. The girls are in good condition, won't be tired. That's a big thing we have," Coach Smith said.

To prepare for the regular season, the Lady Peregrines have scrimmaged against Indiana Wesleyan University, Cornerstone University, Mich., and Hannibal LaGrange, Mo. Coach Smith said he has seen improvement in his girls playing as a team with each game.

While Columbia College has the experience with returning seniors Charliss Ridley, Tiffany Foote and Lisa Kowalewski, PUC has an advantage of it's own by not traveling down to Missouri to start the season. The Lady Peregrines have a lot of new players on the team this year, only returning four players from last season's Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference regular season championship team. Coach Smith just wants the players to play their roles and work hard. However, he is looking for the seniors to step up and help the freshman players.

"The younger girls need to look at the older players and learn from them," Linsey Smith, freshman center for the Lady Peregrines, said.

Last season, PUC won against Davenport and Calumet College and they hope to do the same again this season. If the Lady Peregrines can play tough defense, make free throws and minimize turnovers, they have a chance to start the opening week of the season undefeated.

"We play well on defense, but we need to concentrate on little things, like communication," Smith said.

Peregrines start play in second game of Kettle Classic

DAVE THOMPSON
Sports Editor

While the Lady Peregrines start off the first week of the season with four games, the Peregrines play only one game in opening week.

The Peregrines open the season on Nov. 3, against Calumet College St. Joseph in the second game of the Kettle Classic. In the opening game, Indiana University Northwest will take on Purdue North Central in a 6 p.m. tip-off.

Rob Jensen, director of fitness, wellness and sports, is hoping at least 800 people attend the two games scheduled at the Kettle Classic. In addition to the games, there are other events scheduled for opening night.

The activities planned include 3-point shootouts involving prep basketball players from local area high schools, the UPS Lucky 13 shootout, and the awarding of door prizes from the Salvation Army during halftime of both games. In addition, a gathering of former PUC athletes is scheduled to start at 7 p.m. in room K-129. Finally, a tricycle race featuring student organizations sponsored by the Purdue Alumni Association Calumet Student Delegates will be held during halftime of the second game.

Leticia Toma, director of alumni relations, said that she sent out 280 invitations to former PUC athletes that still live in the Northwest Indiana area. About 60 athletes competed during the 1960s and 1970s, with the rest competing in the 1980s and later.

"We are hoping to have about 100 in attendance," Toma said.

While most of the returning alumni played basketball during their time at PUC, athletes from other sports including volleyball, soccer, golf, tennis, baseball and hockey are also on the official invite list.

Toma said that the Kettle Classic would be an opportunity to introduce the new mascots to the alumni. Also, this event is providing an opportunity for athletes who are alumni to come back to PUC.

Mike Moskalick, one of the student delegates in PAAC, is organizing the tricycle race.

As of last Thursday, Moskalick said six organizations have committed to send a representative to the tricycle race. Organizations that are planning to participate include The Society of Success and Leadership, German Club, Spanish Club, Criminal Justice Club, the Student Government Restructuring Committee and the Social Justice Club. The tricycle race will accept up to 12 organizations.

Moskalick said they hope to completely fill the tricycle race field, but wants to get at least eight organizations and will be working until this Wednesday to fill the field.

"We really want to get the students involved," Moskalick said.

He said he hopes students see the tricycle race as a fun way to get more involved in campus activities.

"Anything we can do toward that end, we do it," Moskalick said.

Jensen said all the high school players that compete in the three-point shootout during halftime of both games will receive a shirt and the schools that send the winning players will get a plaque.

About 20 door prizes from the Salvation Army will be awarded during halftime of both games. People competing in the UPS Lucky 13 Shootout will have the chance to win cash cards to Speedway with the chance to compete for bigger prizes at the homecoming basketball games on Saturday, Feb. 26.

Admission to the Kettle Classic is $5. For more information, call Rob Jensen at (219) 989-2540.

INTRAMURAL BUBBLE HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

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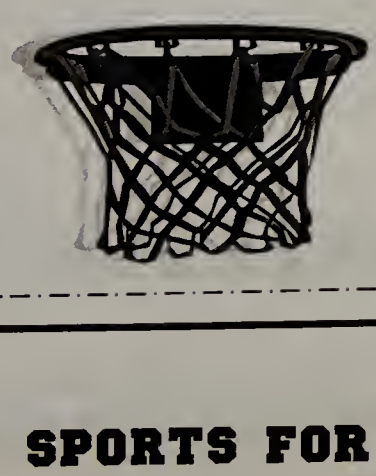

Kettle Classic @ PER Building
Wednesday, Nov. 3
Indiana University Northwest vs. Purdue North Central, 6 pm
Purdue University Calumet vs. Calumet College, 8 pm

Lady Peregrine Classic @ PER Building
Friday, Nov. 5
IIT vs. Calumet College, 6 pm
Davenport vs. PUC, 7 pm
Saturday, Nov. 6
IIT vs. Davenport, noon
Calumet vs. PUC, 2 pm

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